#### REPRESENTATIVE RUSH HOLT

# Year-end Report



#### **Rush Holt – Your Representative in Congress**

December 2005

It continues to be my privilege to represent you in Congress. I spend a great deal of time reaching out by touring schools, businesses, and community organizations, as well as meeting with constituents young and old because it is part of my job to listen to your concerns. Being open and accessible is essential for me to represent our region's values and advance its priorities in Congress.

I always seek to build confidence in our democracy by providing personal service and advocating on your behalf. Each year, this mailing tries to provide you examples of the types of issues and problems that constituents bring to me, their representative. The range is very broad, and includes health care, economic growth, retirement security, traffic congestion, quality education, energy prices, clean air and water, and hometown security, to name a few. The towns highlighted each year are rotated because space limitations prevent including them all.

Your participation and communication are essential. If you have questions, comments, or requests for constituent service, please do not hesitate to call (toll free at 1-87-RUSH-HOLT), write a letter (address below), or e-mail through www.holt.house.gov, where you can also sign up for my electronic newsletter.

I hope this is helpful to you and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,





Rush speaks about the School Environment Protection Act, legislation he introduced to protect children from exposure to dangerous pesticides. The bill, endorsed by the New Jersey Environmental Federation, would require schools to notify parents, teachers, and school employees 72 hours before pesticides are used.

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Trenton Conducted voting machine demonstration at New Jersey Library for

legislation with Sen. Barack Obama to stop voter intimidation and suppression

the Blind and Handicapped to promote auditable ballots, and introduced

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tax credit.

### 12th Congressional District – Examples of some local results in 2005.

Kingwood Brought farmers **Delaware Twp.** Held town hall meeting **Princeton** Successfully South Brunswick Hosted North Brunswick South River Helped a permanently and agricultural workers to discuss the Medicare prescription drug restored Social Security roundtable discussion with civil Secured \$1.6 million in disabled veteran have his pension to Washington, D.C. for benefit, the Iraq war, and a variety of other benefits for a woman liberties experts on improving federal funds for easing reinstated by the Department of briefings from key federal subjects. Also held meetings in Oceanport, who had been listed security without compromising traffic on Route 1 by Veterans Affairs after a discrepancy Marlboro, Old Bridge, North Brunswick, mistakenly as "deceased" officials on issues affecting individual privacy under the replacing a heavily used on his record resulted in unjust PATRIOT Act. termination of his benefits. rural communities. Spotswood, Ewing, and Stockton. by the Social Security bridge, and co-spon-Administration. sored legislation to ban "pay to play" on all Helmetta Secured federal funds federal transportation Stockton Worked with FEMA East Amwell Helped Franklin Met with for police department to replace projects. and the Army Corps of Engineers old portable radios and purchase a constituent get the senior citizens to disto obtain federal assistance new communications equipment. U.S. State Department cuss the future of Social for flood victims and prevent to issue an emergency Security, the dangers reoccurrence of flooding in passport over a weekend. posed by privatization, Stockton, Lambertville, Englishtown Held "sidewalk and options for keeping Trenton, and South River. office hours" in several towns to the system solvent for help constituents with problems future generations. with federal agencies. **Pennington** Convened annual meeting to present veterans with overdue medals and honor future leaders nominated to West Point, Annapolis, Colorado Springs, and Kings Point. 3 Messurg **Lawrence** Welcomed home National Guard soldiers ONMOUTH returning from service in Iraq, and cosponsored legislation granting Guard troops the same health benefits as active duty forces. Ewing Secured \$100.000 in federal funds for expansion of a toll-free telephone hotline for children and adolescents in need of counseling. Plainsboro Continued work on **Cranbury** Assisted vaccine companies **Monroe** Passed legislation – inspired by "Einstein's Alley," a collaborative concerning federal research grants for a community meeting in Monroe – that initiative with business, labor, innovative approaches to influenza commemorates the 40th anniversary of education, and government leaders to vaccine. Worked for permanent exten-

**Oceanport** Secured federal grant to upgrade police software, which will allow officers to improve efficiency and spend more time in the community.

Holmdel Obtained federal funds

toward replacement of NJ Transit

bridge over Laurel Avenue to ease

Fair Haven Helped woman obtain

more than \$20,000 in rightful

federal disability benefits after

Little Silver Held college afford-

ability workshop to help families

education. Introduced legislation

(H.R. 117) to make college tuition

with the rising cost of higher

tax deductible.

suffering a heart attack.

traffic congestion.

Eatontown Secured a written pledge from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to keep the Patterson Army Health Clinic at Fort Monmouth through the year 2010.

**Tinton Falls** Met with science students during National Chemistry Week at Monmouth Regional High School, one of more than 30 schools visited in 2005.

the Nostra Aetate declaration, promotes tolerance and interreligious dialogue. and condemns anti-Semitism.

Freehold Secured \$100,000 in federal funds for the Monmouth County Child Advocacy Center, where professionals can investigate child abuse and treat victims.

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